

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12147–S12255

Measures Introduced: Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1705–1709, and S. Res. 198–199.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. Res. 179, designating October 15, 1999, as “National Mammography Day”.

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Measures Passed:

Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations: By 73 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. 321), Senate passed S. 1650, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Abraham Amendment No. 2269 (to Amendment No. 1828), to prohibit the use of funds for any program for the distribution of sterile needles or syringes for the hypodermic injection of any illegal drug.

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Abraham (for Coverdell) Amendment No. 1828, to prohibit the use of funds for any program for the distribution of sterile needles or syringes for the hypodermic injection of any illegal drug.

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By 98 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 318), Wellstone Amendment No. 1842, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the importance of determining the economic status of former recipients of temporary assistance to needy families.

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Wellstone Amendment No. 1880, to increase funding for the mental health services block grant.

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Wellstone Amendment No. 2271 (to Amendment No. 1880), to increase funding for the mental health services block grant.

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Bingaman/Domenici Amendment No. 2272, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a study on the geographic adjustment factors used in determining the amount of payment for physicians’ services under the medicare program.

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Harkin (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 2273, to provide for confounding biological and physiological influences on polygraphy.

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Harkin (for Bingaman/Feingold) Amendment No. 2274, to provide funding for a dental sealant demonstration program.

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Specter (for Bond) Amendment No. 2275, to limit the withholding of substance abuse funds from certain States.

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Harkin (for Boxer) Amendment No. 2276, to express the sense of the Senate that funding for prostate cancer research should be increased substantially.

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Specter (for DeWine) Amendment No. 2277, to provide for an increase and a decrease in certain education funding.

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Specter (for Hutchison/Bingaman) Amendment No. 2278, to clarify provisions relating to the United States-Mexico Border Health Commission.

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Specter Amendment No. 2279, to provide for certain funding increases.

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Specter Amendment No. 2280, to strike certain provisions of the bill.

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Specter (for Cochran) Amendment No. 2281, to make available certain funds from the Office on Women’s Health to support biological, chemical and botanical studies to assist in the development of the clinical evaluation of phytomedicines in women’s health.

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Harkin (for Wyden) Amendment No. 2282, to provide for a report on promoting a legal domestic workforce and improving the compensation and working conditions of agricultural workers.

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Harkin (for Murray) Amendment No. 2283, to express the sense of the Senate concerning women's access to obstetric and gynecological services.

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Harkin (for Kerry/Smith(OR)) Amendment No. 1882, to express the sense of the Senate regarding comprehensive education reform.

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Harkin (for Reed) Amendment No. 2284, to extend filing deadline for compensation of certain individuals exposed to mustard gas during World War II.

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Specter (for Stevens) Amendment No. 2285, to correct a definition error in the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

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Harkin (for Durbin) Amendment No. 2286, to increase funds for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to provide grants regarding childhood asthma.

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Harkin (for Reid) Amendment No. 1852, to express the sense of the Senate concerning needlestick injury prevention.

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Harkin (for Inouye) Amendment No. 2287, to rename the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as the Thomas Harkin Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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Harkin (for Inouye) Amendment No. 2288, to designate the National Library of Medicine building in Bethesda, Maryland, as the "Arlen Specter National Library of Medicine".

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Harkin Amendment No. 2289, to increase funding for senior nutrition programs and rural community facilities, offset with administrative reductions.

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Harkin (for Reed) Amendment No. 1869, to increase funding for the leveraging educational assistance partnership program.

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Rejected:

Bingaman Amendment No. 1861, to ensure accountability in programs for disadvantaged students. (By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 317), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Smith (of N.H.) Amendment No. 1844, to limit the applicability of the Davis-Bacon Act in areas designated as disaster areas. (By 59 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 320), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Withdrawn:

Bond Amendment No. 1825, to prohibit the use of funds for the promulgation or issuing of any standard relating to ergonomic protection. (By 2 yeas to 97 nays (Vote No. 319), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.)

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Subsequently, Bond Amendment No. 2270 (to Amendment No. 1825), to prohibit the use of funds

for the promulgation or issuing of any standard, regulation, or guideline relating to ergonomic protection, fell when Amendment No. 1825 was withdrawn.

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Harkin/Robb Amendment No. 1845, to express the sense of the Senate regarding school infrastructure.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the bill not be engrossed and be held at the desk.

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Greece/Turkey Earthquake Victims: Senate agreed to S. Res. 198, expressing sympathy for those killed and injured in the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Greece and commending Turkey and Greece for their recent efforts in opening a national dialogue and taking steps to further bilateral relations.

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National Mammography Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 179, designating October 15, 1999, as "National Mammography Day".

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Agriculture Appropriations—Conference Report: By unanimous consent, Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to the consideration of the conference report on H.R. 1906, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the conference report and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, October 12, 1999, at 5:30 p.m.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report on Tuesday, October 12, 1999 at 4:30 p.m.

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Appointment:

Parents Advisory Council on Youth Drug Abuse: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–277, announced the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the Parents Advisory Council on Youth Drug Abuse: Robert L. Marginnis, of Virginia (two-year term), and June Martin Milam, of Mississippi (Representative of a Non-Profit Organization) (three-year term).

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

John D. Hawke, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Comptroller of the Currency for a term of five years.

Robert Raben, of Florida, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Andrew C. Fish, of Vermont, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

Robert S. Mueller, III, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of California for a term of four years.

John Hollingsworth Sinclair, of Vermont, to be United States Marshal for the District of Vermont for the term of four years.

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—321)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:15 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, October 8, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12255.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AGRICULTURAL BIOTECHNOLOGY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to review public policy related to agricultural biotechnology, focusing on domestic approval process, benefits of biotechnology and an emphasis on challenges facing farmers to segregation of product, after receiving testimony from Representative Kucinich; Bruce Alberts, President, National Academy of Sciences; James H. Maryanski, Biotechnology Coordinator, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Sally L. McCammon, Science Advisor, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture; Janet L. Andersen, Director, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division, Office of Pesticide Programs, Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances, Environmental Protection Agency; Mark Silbergeld, Consumers Union, Michael Philips, Biotechnology Industry Organization, Jeffrey Barach, National Food Processors Association, and Gary Kushner, Grocery Manufacturers of America, all of

Washington, D.C.; Tim Hume, Walsh, Colorado, on behalf of the National Corn Growers Association; Marc Curtis, Leland, Mississippi, on behalf of the American Soybean Association; L. Dan Thompson, Minnesota Corn Processors, Marshall, on behalf of the Corn Refiners Association; and Robert Smigelski, The Anderson, Inc., Maumee, Ohio, on behalf of the National Grain and Feed Association.

COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (Treaty Doc. 105–28), focusing on the ability of the Stockpile Stewardship Program to adequately verify the safety and reliability of the U.S. nuclear deterrent, after receiving testimony from Bill Richardson, Secretary, C. Paul Robinson, Director, Sandia National Laboratories, C. Bruce Tarter, Director, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and John C. Browne, Director, Los Alamos National Laboratory, all of the Department of Energy; Robert R. Barker, former Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Atomic Energy; John Foster, former Director, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and former Director, Defense Research and Engineering; Kathleen C. Bailey, former Assistant Director for Nuclear and Weapons Control, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; Adm. Henry G. Chiles, Jr., USN (Ret.), former Commander-in-Chief, United States Strategic Command; and Sidney D. Drell, Stanford Linear Accelerator Center, Stanford, California.

BARTLESVILLE LAND CONVEYANCE/ MATERIALS CORRIDOR PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation concluded hearings on S. 1183, to direct the Secretary of Energy to convey to the city of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, the former site of the NIPER facility of the Department of Energy, and S. 397, to authorize the Secretary of Energy to establish a multiagency program in support of the Materials Corridor Partnership Initiative to promote energy efficient, environmentally sound economic development along the border with Mexico through the research, development, and use of new materials, after receiving testimony from Robert S. Kripowicz, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, and David L. Goldwyn, Assistant Secretary for International Affairs, both of the Department of Energy; Pam Dunlap, Bartlesville Area Chamber of Commerce, James Fram, Bartlesville Development Corporation, and Richard Gertsen, City of Bartlesville, all of Bartlesville, Oklahoma; Paul C. Maxwell, University of Texas, El Paso; Richard D.

Jimenez, Applied Sciences Laboratory, Inc., Albuquerque, New Mexico; and Van Romero, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, Socorro.

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on S. 968, to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to make grants to State agencies with responsibility for water source development, for the purposes of maximizing the available water supply and protecting the environment through the development of alternative water sources, S. 914, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to require that discharges from combined storm and sanitary sewers conform to the Combined Sewer Overflow Control Policy of the Environmental Protection Agency, and S. 1699, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for State water pollution control revolving funds, after receiving testimony from J. Charles Fox, Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Mayor Raymond J. Wiecezorek, Manchester, New Hampshire, on behalf the CSO Partnership; Gerald E. Dorfman, Dorfman Construction Company, Inc., Woodland Hills, California, on behalf of the National Utility Contractors Association; Greg Mason, Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority, Atlanta, on behalf of the Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities; Tom Kamppinen, Michigan Department of Environmental Protection, Lansing, on behalf of the Association of State and Interstate Water Pollution Control Administrators; and E.D. Vergara, Southwest Florida Water Management District, Brooksville.

WTO AGRICULTURAL NEGOTIATIONS

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade held hearings to examine the United States agricultural negotiating objectives for the Seattle World Trade Ministerial Conference, receiving testimony from David L. Aaron, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade; James Murphy, Assistant United States Trade Representative for Agricultural Affairs; August Schumacher, Jr., Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; Jon Caspers, Swaledale, Iowa, on behalf of the National Pork Producers Council; and Allen F. Johnson, National Oilseed Processors Association, Janet A. Nuzum, International Dairy Foods Association, and Lyn Withey, International Paper Company, on behalf of the American Forest and Paper Association, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR TEST BAN TREATY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to review the ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (Treaty Doc. 105-28), after receiving testimony from Senators Warner, Shelby, Levin, and Kerrey; Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State; Caspar W. Weinberger, former Secretary of Defense; Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C., former U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations; Stephen J. Ledogar, former Chief Negotiator of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, and Richard L. Garwin, Council on Foreign Relations, both of New York, New York; Ronald F. Lehman, Palo Alto, California, former Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; and Troy E. Wade, Nevada Alliance for Defense, Energy, and Business, Las Vegas.

POST OFFICE FACILITIES

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services concluded hearings on S. 556, to amend title 39, United States Code, to establish guidelines for the relocation, closing, consolidation, or construction of post offices, after receiving testimony from Senators Jeffords and Baucus; Rudolph K. Umscheid, Vice President, Facilities, United States Postal Service; Howard S. Foust, National Association of Postmasters of the United States Retired, Alexandria, Virginia; Richard Moe, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Washington, D.C.; and Edward J. Derwinski, National League of Postmasters, Alexandria, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 179, designating October 15, 1999, as "National Mammography Day"; and

The nominations of Ronald M. Gould, of Washington, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Anna J. Brown, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, Florence-Marie Cooper, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Richard K. Eaton, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, Ellen Segal Huvelle, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and Charles A. Pannell, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 3035–3036, 3038–3055; 1 private bill, H.R. 3056; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 194 and H. Res. 324–325, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 748, to amend the Act that established the Keweenaw National Historical Park to require the Secretary of the Interior to consider nominees of various local interests in appointing members of the Keweenaw National Historical Parks Advisory Commission, amended (H. Rept. 106–367);

H.R. 1615, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to extend the designation of a portion of the Lamprey River in New Hampshire as a recreational river to include an additional river segment (H. Rept. 106–368);

H.R. 2140, to improve protection and management of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in the State of Georgia, amended (H. Rept. 106–369); and

H.R. 3037, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–370).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Biggert as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Carl W. Rehling of Lothian, Maryland.

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Access for the Uninsured and Managed Care Improvement Act: The House passed H.R. 2723, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage by a recorded vote of 275 ayes to 151 noes, Roll No. 490. Subsequently, the text of H.R. 2723 was added as new matter to H.R. 2990, Quality Care for the Uninsured Act. H.R. 2723 was then laid upon the table.

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Rejected:

The Boehner amendment that sought to prohibit gag rules, ensure access to emergency medical care, direct access to an OB/GYN, access to a pediatrician as a primary care provider, establish continuity of care, make health care lawsuit reform with limits on “non-economic damages”, and requires a patient

choice of provider option (rejected by a recorded vote of 145 ayes to 284 noes, Roll No. 487);

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The Goss amendment that sought to establish utilization review procedures, require a timely appeals process and external review of benefit disputes, allow patients to sue for denials that cause harm, provide protection for employers, allow choice of medical professionals, prohibit gag clauses, and expand access to clinical trials (rejected by a recorded vote of 193 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 488); and

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The Houghton amendment that sought to allow lawsuits in Federal court against the final decision-maker who fails to exercise ordinary care decisions including employers, caps non-economic damages and prohibits punitive damages (rejected by a recorded vote of 160 ayes to 269 noes, Roll No. 489).

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H. Res. 323 the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to on October 6. Pursuant to the rule, the amendments printed in Part A of H. Rept. 106–366 that make technical changes and clarify provisions to ensure that employers cannot be held liable unless they are making medical decisions, were considered as adopted.

Late Report: Conferees received permission to have until midnight on Friday, October 8, to file a conference report on H.R. 2561, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.

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Legislative Program: Representative Lazio announced the Legislative Program for the week of October 11.

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Meeting Hour—Friday, October 8: Agreed that when the House adjourns today it adjourn to meet at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 8.

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Meeting Hour—Tuesday, October 12: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Friday, October 8, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 12 for morning-hour debates.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of October 13.

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Quorum calls—Votes: One yea and nay vote and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H9522–23, H9564, H9603–04, H9628–29, and H9635–36. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SPARE AND REPAIR PARTS SHORTAGES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Readiness held a hearing on spare and repair parts shortages. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: William J. Lynn, III, Under Secretary (Comptroller and Chief Financial Officer); Gen. John G. Coburn, USA, Commander, Army Materiel Command; Gen. George T. Babbitt, USAF, Commander, Air Force Materiel Command; Rear Adm. Daniel H. Stone, USN, Commander Defense Logistics Support Command, Defense Logistics Agency; Vice Adm. James Amerault, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Logistics); and Maj. Gen. Gary S. McKissock, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff (Installations and Logistics), Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps.

ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE THREATS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Research and Development held a hearing on electromagnetic pulse (EMP) threats to U.S. military and civilian infrastructure. Testimony was heard from Stanley J. Jakubiak, Deputy Chief, Command Center's Division, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense; Michael Bernardin, Provost for Theoretical Institute of Thermonuclear Studies, Los Alamos National Laboratory; Lowell Wood, member, Director's Technical Staff, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Hoover Institution; and a public witness.

PUHCA REPEAL

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on PUHCA Repeal: Is The Time Now? Testimony was heard from Isaac C. Hunt, Commissioner, SEC; Douglas W. Smith, General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

STUDENTS RESULTS ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Continued markup of H.R. 2, Students Results Act.

Will continue October 13.

MINIMUM WAGE IMPACT ON WELFARE TO WORK

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on Examining the Impact of Minimum Wage on Welfare to Work. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S. POLICY TOWARD RUSSIA

Committee on International Relations: Continued hearings on U.S. Policy Toward Russia, Part II: Corruption

in the Russian Government. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 3028, Trade-mark Cyberpiracy Prevention Act; and H.R. 1714, amended, Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1887, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to punish the depiction of animal cruelty; and H.R. 1869, Stalking Prevention and Victim Protection Act of 1999.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2994, Sugar Pine Dam and Reservoir Conveyance Act; H.R. 1696, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Griffith Project to the Southern Nevada Water Authority; H.R. 2674, providing for conveyance of the Palmetto Bend project to the State of Texas; H.R. 2984, Middle Loup Conveyance Act; H.R. 2974, Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project Facilities Conveyance Act of 1999; H.R. 2889, to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to provide for acquisition of water and water rights for Central Utah Project purposes, completion of Central Utah project facilities, and implementation of water conservation measures; and H.R. 1235, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the Solano County Water Agency, California, to use Solano Project facilities for impounding, storage, and carriage of nonproject water for domestic, municipal, industrial, and other beneficial purposes. Testimony was heard from Eluid Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

CRUISE SHIP SAFETY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Cruise Ship Safety. Testimony was heard from Rear Adm. Robert C. North, USCG, Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation; James E. Hall, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; and public witnesses.

**TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS—
EFFECT ON MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY
ENFORCEMENT**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Ground Transportation held a hearing on the Effect of the Fiscal Year 2000 Department of Transportation Appropriations Act on Motor Carrier Safety Enforcement. Testimony was heard from Nancy E. McFadden, General Counsel, Department of Transportation.

**GSA'S FEDERAL BUILDING SECURITY
PROGRAM**

Committee on Transportation: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Emergency Management held a hearing on GSA's Federal Building Security Program. Testimony was heard from Bernard L. Ungar, Director, Government Business Operations Issues, GAO; and the following officials of the GSA: Eugene L. Waszily, Assistant Inspector General, Auditing; and Robert Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to continue hearings on this subject. Testimony was heard from Robert H. Hast, Acting Assistant Comptroller General, Office of Special Investigations, GAO; and the following officials of the GSA: Eugene L. Waszily, Assistant Inspector General, Auditing; Robert Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service; Robin Graf, Assistant Regional Administrator, Region 10, Auburn, Washington; and Anthony Costa, Assistant Regional Administrator, National Capital Region.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1085)

H.R. 2981, to extend energy conservation programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through March 31, 2000. Signed October 5, 1999. (P.L. 106-64)

S. 1059, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces. Signed October 5, 1999. (P.L. 106-65)

S. 293, to direct the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior to convey certain lands in San Juan County, New Mexico, to San Juan College. Signed October 6, 1999. (P.L. 106-66)

S. 944, to amend Public Law 105-188 to provide for the mineral leasing of certain Indian lands in Oklahoma. Signed October 6, 1999. (P.L. 106-67)

S. 1072, to make certain technical and other corrections relating to the Centennial of Flight Commemoration Act. Signed October 6, 1999. (P.L. 106-68)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 8, 1999**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings are scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, October 8

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, October 8

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will consider the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (Treaty Doc. 105-28). Also, Senate will consider any conference reports when available.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Pro forma session.

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